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VP-30 to Build 3 Habitat Homes

Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (CCHH) is proud to announce the commitment of VP-30 Squadron of NAS Jacksonville to provide full volunteer labor for 3 CCHH homes. The build will encompass a four month time frame, and VP-30 Squadron volunteers will be scheduled daily throughout the build. The groundbreaking is 10:00 a.m. Monday, **November 20th, 2006**, at 1705 Forbes Street in Green Cove Springs. CCHH has 3 lots side-by-side, a 3 bedroom, a 4 bedroom, and a 5 bedroom, which will be home to 3 Habitat partner families by spring 2007. VP-30 has volunteered previously with CCHH and has been a great blessing - this is unique in that it is the first build completed by one squadron from foundation to final inspection.

Directions to Forbes Street.

Travel South on US 17.

(Called "Orange Avenue" when you enter Green Cove Springs).

Turn right onto Houston Street, right on MLK, left on Oakridge to a right on Forbes. Job site is on the left.

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Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (CCHH) is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. CCHH is a not-for-profit ecumenical Christian organization, whose mission is to eliminate substandard housing in Clay County, Florida by building and renovating safe, decent and affordable housing in partnership with the community and God's people in need. CCHH serves Orange Park, Middleburg, Green Cove Springs, Penney Farms and Keystone Heights.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, CCHH builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor -- *sweat equity* -- into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

Habitat houses are affordable for low-income families because there is no profit included in the sale price and no interest charged on the mortgage.

CCHH has built 8 homes to date 2006, and anticipates having completed 14 by the end of the calendar year, totaling 107 Clay County families who are working hard and partnering with Habitat for Humanity to remove their families from substandard housing conditions.